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## **Dangerous Newport News Armed Robbers Convicted**

(Newport News, VA) - A federal jury convicted Caleb Carr and John Small today on all counts charged in a robbery indictment for their roles in a string of armed robberies that occurred in the Hampton and Newport News, Virginia areas. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, also announced that sentencing for Carr is scheduled for October 23, 2006, and sentencing for Small is scheduled for October 30, 2006. Carr faces a mandatory minimum of 160 years in prison and a statutory maximum of life in prison, and Small faces a mandatory minimum of 135 years in prison and a statutory maximum of life in prison.

Both defendants were convicted on charges of Conspiring to Commit Robbery Affecting Commerce, committing Robbery that Affected, Obstructed, or Delayed Commerce, and Using, Carrying and Possessing a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. Additionally, Carr was convicted for his role in attempting to commit and carrying a firearm during an additional robbery that occurred on March 14, 2005.

The evidence presented to the jury detailed how the defendants worked together to commit a string of armed robberies from December 2004 through March 2005. The defendants each carried loaded firearms, which they discharged at 5 of the 6 robberies they committed together.

Carr and Small's robbery spree started on December 29, 2004 with the robbery of a 7-11 convenience store in Hampton, Virginia. The pair conducted three more robberies in Hampton, including one at the same 7-11 convenience store as the first robbery. Carr and Small then moved their robbery spree to Newport News, where in the early morning hours of February 4, 2006, they robbed a Crown Gas Station.

On March 14, 2005, Carr robbed a Food Lion grocery store in Hampton. A security guard confronted him, and Carr was shot during the altercation. As a result of Carr's capture, Hampton detectives were able to locate his roommate, John Small, who was found in possession

of a firearm fitting the same general description as the weapon used during the robberies. Subsequent laboratory analysis connected Small's gun to shell casings and bullets recovered by Newport News and Hampton forensic specialists at four of the robbery scenes.

The investigation was conducted through the joint efforts of the Hampton and Newport News Police Departments, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The prosecution was coordinated with the assistance of the Hampton and Newport News Commonwealth's Attorneys' Offices. Assistant United States Attorneys Mike Gill and Howard Zlotnick prosecuted this case on behalf of the United States.

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